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TOPIC Military Activity at the Wittstock and Altengrabow Troop Training Grounds 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. On 22 August 1954, 10 JS tanks and about 10 trucks passed through Gadow in the western portion of the Wittstock troop training grounds. The column came from the direction of Dossow and proceeded toward Zechlin.[1] 25X1 25X1

2. In the morning on 25 August, all work in the woods of the Eggersdorf, Frankendorf and Steinberge forest districts had to be discontinued because of tank firing practices. Three covered tanks fired in the area north of Storbeck, north of Neuruppin. The tanks resembled T-34 tanks, but had a gun of a smaller caliber. Officers with undetermined devices on tripods were seen behind the tanks. Impacts were observed in the abovementioned forest districts and the village of Frankendorf.[2] 25X1 25X1

3. Prior to 2 September, the Wittstock troop training grounds was occupied as previously. In the morning on 25 and 26 August, reports of guns were heard from the direction of Schweinrich.

4. On 7 September, firing with infantry weapons, AT guns and tanks was conducted at the Wittstock troop training grounds. Many fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the Dranse railroad station toward Schweinrich. T-34/85 tanks had taken position at the entrance of the town. Truck was also seen.[1] 25X1 25X1

5. On 9 September, the Nord Lager (5001) in Altengrabow was occupied to capacity by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Guns and 20 to 24 howitzers with a caliber of about 120 and 150 mm were seen in the south-west section of the installation. Six 37-mm AA guns were emplaced in the training area north of the camp. The two cantonments south of Nord Lager were occupied to capacity. Tent camps were being prepared east of the road between Altengrabow and Drewitz. 25X1 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. The units of the 18th Mecz Div are confirmed at the Wittstock troop training grounds until 7 September. Motor vehicle [redacted] are believed to belong to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Units of this division may therefore also be stationed at the training grounds. The unloading of tanks on 7 September indicates that training at the training grounds, which increased considerably during the month of August, will be continued. 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The tanks possibly engaged in a test firing. It cannot be determined whether the tanks or the tank guns were new. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The Altengrabow troop training grounds are believed to have been occupied as previously until 9 September. The preparation of camps tent possibly indicates that exercises are scheduled to be held in addition to normal firing practices at the training grounds. [redacted] a small detail, presumably of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, went from Eberswalde to Colbitz west of the Elbe River on 2 September and a shipment of units of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG went from Spsrenberg to Guesen east of the Elbe River on 11 September. . Place and date of these three observations may indicate preparations for fall maneuvers in this area which had previously been used for maneuvers. In addition to known units of the IV Arty Corps, motor vehicle [redacted] observed confirm units of the Eighth Gds Army including the 13th AAA Div, the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div. These units probably were artillery and light AAA units which, according to railroad records, transferred to Altengrabow from their posts in the first half of July. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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